

Johnson County Soil & Water Conservation District

Newsletter ~ Summer 2013

~ Dates To Remember ~

July 2013

July 1: SWCD Fiscal Year Begins

July 4: Independence Day – Office Closed

July 5: SWCD Employees Out of Office
(NRCS, FSA, MDC staff will be available)

July 9-14: Johnson County Fair

July 12: SWCD Employees Out of Office
(NRCS, FSA, MDC staff will be available)

July 15: Crop Reporting Deadline



August 2013

Aug 2: DCP Sign Up Deadline

Aug 9 & 10: Soil Health Expo

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Johnson County SWCD

Cost Share Payments

GRAZING MANAGEMENT	\$34,164.83
NUTRIENT & PEST MANAGEMENT	\$13,876.00
SENSITIVE AREAS	\$5,932.37
SHEET AND RILL / GULLY EROSION	\$96,754.64
WOODLAND EROSION	\$2,560.18
DROUGHT ASSISTANCE	\$607,006.75

Due to the extensive use of cost share on Drought Assistance, payments in the remaining resources were considerably lower for Fiscal Year 13.



FSA Update

FSA Acreage Certification deadline is July 15!

After spring planting, producers should certify their 2013 acreage. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs. July 15th is the final date to report.

DCP Sign-up Ends August 2nd!

The DCP sign-up period is still open, but will end on Aug. 2, 2013. The 2013 DCP and ACRE program provisions are unchanged from 2012, except that all eligible participants may choose to enroll in either DCP or ACRE for the 2013 crop year. This means that eligible producers who were enrolled in ACRE in 2012 may elect to enroll in DCP in 2013.

NRCS & MU Extension Host Soil Health Expo

NRCS and MU Hosting Free Soil Health Expo August 9-10

The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the University of Missouri (MU) are hosting a free Soil Health Exposition August 9-10. The exposition will be at MU's Bradford Research and Extension Center (4968 Rangeline Road), about six miles east of Columbia.

The two-day exposition will feature vendors, tours, demonstrations and two nationally known leaders in the use of cover crops. MU professors and technicians from a soil health laboratory established by MU and NRCS will have a training session each day on how to sample fields for soil health and how to interpret the results of soil samples that landowners send to the lab.

The exposition features an open admission, with events occurring from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day. A complete itinerary is available for viewing online at www.mo.nrcs.usda.gov under "Events & Deadlines."

Steve Groff will speak at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Friday, August 9. He and his family farm 200 acres of vegetables and crops on hilly land in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He pioneered the permanent cover cropping system which includes utilizing no-tillage, cover crops and effective crop rotations to increase profits, enhance soil and water quality, and reduce the use of pesticides. The cornerstone of his system is an emphasis on maintaining crop residues and cover crops on the soil surface and having plants living in the soil at all times. Some of his fields have not been touched by tillage equipment in more than 30 years.

Joel Gruver will speak at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 10. He discovered his fascination with crops and soils while growing up on a family farm in rural Maryland. He has taught courses related to soil science and agro ecology at several universities and colleges. He is an assistant professor at Western Illinois University, and he also manages an 80-acre research farm. His recent research has focused on cover crops and their value in suppressing weeds, improving nutrient cycling, building organic matter and alleviating soil compaction.

Admission to the exposition is free, but attendees are asked to preregister by calling (573) 884-7945, sending a text message to (660) 351-4696 or an email to mosoilhealthexpo@gmail.com. Provide a name and the expected number of people in the group.

USDA Happenings...

In And Around The Office

In recognition of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, the staff of the USDA Service Center were treated by our very own Se'ese'ei Toa (pronounced "Say A"), Soil Conservationist, to an authentic Polynesian lunch.



Se'ese'ei prepared Sapasui, Kale moa and two fruit-filled drinks; Otai and Poi Fa'i. Staff also enjoyed watermelon and coconut cream pie. Se'ese'ei wore traditional Samoan Formal wear for women, known as Pule tasi. The food was fantastic and everyone enjoyed learning about Se'ese'ei's culture.

PCA Neighborhood Block Party

On Friday, June 21, businesses in the PCA Road Neighborhood hosted their 2nd Annual block party. Participating business provided door prizes, games, giveaways and demonstrations. A Live Broadcast by 98.5 The Bar kept the crowd entertained as they enjoyed free lunch and a car show. Organizers deemed the event a success and look forward to making next year's party even bigger and better!

Rental Equipment Big Bale Mulcher

**Landowner Use
\$150 per day**

**Commercial Use
\$250 per day**

A deposit is required for all rentals. Please call the office to reserve the mulcher for your next project.



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